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**Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached Replacement Sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3. This Replacement Sheet, which includes Figures 2-4, replaces the original sheet that included Figures 2-4. In Figure 3, the text that was previously in Japanese has been translated to English as indicated on the attached Annotated Sheet.

**REMARKS**

Claims 6-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5 have been canceled and Claims 6-23 have been added to claim subject matter described on at least pages 16-20 of the specification. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the pending Claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the Claims and the following remarks.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

On page 2 of the office action mailed July 31, 2006, it was indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) mailed February 17, 2005 was considered and made of record in the application. However, on the copy of the PTO-1449 that was initial by the Examiner, Japanese Patent Application JP 2002-041170 was crossed off instead of being initialed. In the IFW on PAIR for the present application, Japanese Patent Application JP 2002-041170 is listed as prior art with a date of February 17, 2005. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98, a translation of the abstract was provided as a concise application of Japanese Patent Application JP 2002-041170. Accordingly, Applicant believes that Japanese Patent Application JP 2002-041170 was submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97 and 37 CFR §1.98, and respectfully requests Japanese Patent Application JP 2002-041170 be indicated as considered by the Examiner, and made of record in the present application. In addition, Applicant respectfully requests that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 filed February 17, 2006 be provided to the Applicant.

**Drawings**

Figure 3 was objected to for having text that was not translated from Japanese to English. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.85 and §1.121, Applicant has submitted herewith amended Figure 3 to correct this scrivener's error. No new matter has been added. In view of amended Figure 3, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

**Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101**

Claims 4-5 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 4-5 have been canceled rendering these rejections moot.

**Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph**

Claim 5 was rejected for failing to provide antecedent basis for the terms "the computer product." Claim 5 has been canceled rendering this rejection moot.

**Claim Rejections pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e)**

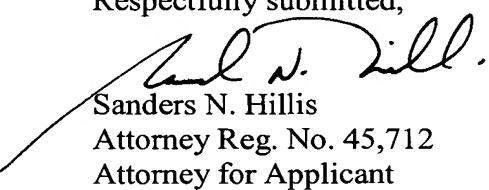
Claims 1-5 was rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/101264 A1 to Yamada et al. (hereinafter "Yamada"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections on the grounds that Yamada. is not prior art to the present application.

The present application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 on February 17, 2006 out of international patent application number PCT/JP03/10433 filed on August 19, 2003. International patent application number PCT/JP03/10433 claimed priority of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-238347 filed on August 19, 2002. A certified copy of Japanese Patent Application 2002-238347 was provided by WIPO during the PCT phase.

Yamada was published on May 29, 2003. Accordingly, Yamada is not prior art pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §102(e) since Yamada was not published prior to the priority date of the present application of August 19, 2002. As indicated in the Information Disclosure Statement being filed concurrently herewith, the international application PCT/JP01/09779 from which Yamada was nationalized was not published in English. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(e) rejection pursuant to Yamada.

With this amendment and response, Applicant believes that the present pending claims of this application are allowable and respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for this application. Should the Examiner deem a telephone conference to be beneficial in expediting allowance/examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments:

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Annotated Sheet Showing Changes (1 page)

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FIG. 2

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FIG. 3

TB2

USER'S NAME	USER ID	EMAIL ADDRESS
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FIG. 4

